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DATE: 7 APR 70

10 April 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-026- 7 APR 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 6

LOCATION: Channel 72, 1250 Radial, 39 DME

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: WAR ACE 302 (A-7)

SAVES: 1 Combat

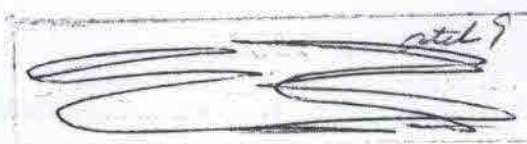
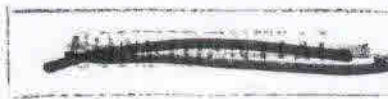
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1. (C) At 0444Z War Ace 302 made a garbled broadcast on Guard that he had been hit. King 6 answered his call, but the only reply was made by Bilk 19 who advised he was close to the downed aircraft, but that Covey 214 was directly overhead the scene.
2. (C) Covey 214 was contacted, and after confirmation of downed aircraft's position and Covey's bingo time, he was designated On-Scene Commander. At this time Covey 214 advised he had War Aces 301, 303, 304, & 307 overhead with 1 hour fuel remaining and MK 82's extended as ordnance. He immediately began putting in these strike aircraft as War Ace 302 reported enemy movement and groundfire in his area.
3. (C) War Ace 302 reported he was in good condition, but that he could hear the enemy in his vicinity. The weather was seven hundred scattered, seven thousand scattered cumuloform, 12 thousand broken, temperature 180 C. High terrain in the area was 3700 ft., and the elevation of the location of the survivor was 3200 ft.
4. (C) Smoke flights and Ascar was requested at this time, and Spads 05 & 06 were diverted from their fraggd targets to the SAR scene through Hillsboro. Spads 11 and 12 and Jolly Greens 07 & 21 were launched from Channel 77 at 0451Z. King 6 also requested 4 additional Spads launched and slow movers strike aircraft uploaded with soft ordnance and launched from Channel 89 immediately.
5. (C) King 6 also made a call on 119.1 VHF for any Air America helicopter in the Saravane area and H-44 answered. After being informed of the situation H-44 volunteered his services, and he was instructed to contact another Air America helicopter and proceed to the scene. At this time H-53 answered the call, and he too proceeded to the SAR scene.
6. (C) After arriving on scene and having been briefed thoroughly by King 6 and Covey 214, Spad 05 was designated the On-Scene Commander and he began putting down ordnance around the survivor using A-1 & A-7 resources.



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7. (C) With the Jolly Greens ten minutes away from their holding point, Hotel 53 suddenly appeared on the scene. Evidently, he had miscalculated his arrival time, because he had reported he was 20 minutes out. Spad 05 asked for permission to use H-53 and after considering the proximity of enemy to survivor, element of surprise, and the covering ability of the Jolly Greens only 10 minutes away, permission was given.

8. (C) During the hover H-53 picked up ground fire, but his courageous effort and the suppressing fire of Spad 05 & 06 silenced the gun positions long enough to allow the recovery. An egress heading was given to the SAR force by King 4, and the Air America Helicopter headed for Papa Site 38 (XB8243) to land. This strip was determined to be friendly and the helicopter had a fuel consideration.

9. (C) The Jolly Greens were instructed to follow H-53 into P.S. 38 with Spads 11 & 12 as escort and recover War Ace 302 to Channel 77 (Da Nang). H-53 changed his mind at this point however and went into P.S. 22 (XB9168) which was closer and also friendly. The Jolly Greens (07 & 21) were advised of the plan change and the survivor exchanged at P.S. 22 was uneventful even though Jolly Green 07 & 22 reported numerous anti aircraft attacks as they proceeded to their destination.

10. (C) King 6 acted as weather reconnaissance aircraft and escort for Spad 11 & 12 and Jolly Green 07 & 21 as they proceeded from P.S. 22 Southeast to Dakto and thence to Da Nang. Jolly Green 21, who now had the survivor on board reported he would be emergency fuel at Da Nang so King 6 descended and effected an air refueling west of Chu Lai headed out over the coastline.

11. (C) The survivor was taken to the Navy hospital at DaNang and reported to be in good condition. All SAR forces returned to base safely.

12. (C) Slow mover forces utilized were Covey 214 (OV-10), Bilk 19 (O-1), Spads 05, 06, 07, 08, 11, & 12.

Fast mover forces utilized were War Ace 301, 303, 304, 306, and 307 (A-7's). Fast mover resources held, but released and not utilized were Cash 72, 73 (F-4s), Litter 23, 24, (F-100), Cobra 03, 04 (F-4).

13. (U) Airrefueling: King 6 refueled Jolly Green 21.

14. (U) King 6 Crewmembers:

|        |             |    |             |
|--------|-------------|----|-------------|
| AC/AMC | CPT WILSON  | FE | MSG BLOOM   |
| CP     | MAJ WALLER  | FE | TSG SUMNER  |
| N      | CPT SEEGER  | LM | TSG TILLMAN |
| RO     | TSG GILMORE |    |             |

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GEORGE E. WILSON III, Captain, USAF  
Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT

DATE: 7 APRIL 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-026 7 APR 70

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: JOLLY GREEN 21 AND JOLLY GREEN 07

MISSION OBJECTIVE: MARINE 304, SEARCH AND RESCUE

LOCATION: 15°15' N 107°06' E

SAVES: ONE COMBAT SAVE CREDITED

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1. (S) SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS: Jolly Greens 21 and 07 were scrambled at 07/0446Z and were airborne at 07/0453Z. No difficulty was encountered during launch. We proceeded to the area 123/40/72. Enroute hostile fire was noted while crossing CT 946 at 15°26' N-107°26' E. Both aircraft received small arms and automatic weapons fire as well as at least two near miss airbursts of probable 37mm. Jolly Green 07 returned fire to sighted enemy positions. This fire continued sporadically for the next 20 miles. Weather at launch was no factor, however enroute thunderstorms required deviations from pre-planned course and caused us to reorganize the route structure. Teamwork with Spad 11 & 12 was extremely effective in avoiding additional ground fire. As we arrived in the pick-up area Total-53 (an F-34 from Air America) was making the pick-up. Due to fuel limitations the F-34 had to proceed directly to P.S.-22 11°57' N 106°40' E. The survivor was suffering from shock and Jolly Green 21 was directed by King to again cross the route structure and proceed to P.S.-22 and immediately pick-up the survivor in order for our Rescue Specialist to treat him for shock enroute to nearest hospital. Jolly Green 07 remained in high orbit over P.S.-22 while Jolly Green 21 made the pick-up at approximately 0825Z. Enroute back to Channel 77 a more southern route was used to minimize ground fire. A fast wet air refueling with King was conducted 10 NM north of Channel 74. The survivor was taken to NSA hospital at Marble Mountain at 0820Z. Jolly Green 21 & 07 landed at Channel 77 at 0830Z.

2. (S) 2 Sorties/7.4 hrs/MSJF/37ABBS; 4 Sorties/11.7 hrs/ALB/OLAA 16 00Z;  
2 Sorties/1 hrs/10-130F/39 ABBS.

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3. None

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5. (U) MEDICAL TREATMENT OF SURVIVOR:

- a. One Pararescueman.
- b. Treatment given on board aircraft.
- c. One survivor.
- d. Suffering medium shock and pulled muscles in legs and shoulders from parachute opening shock.
- e. Survivor was treated for shock and placed at rest on aircraft stretcher.
- f. Naval Support Activity, Marble Mountain, RVN.
- g. Survivor was weak and confused but ambulatory.

6. (U) JOLLY GREEN CREWS:

Jolly Green 21

AO Capt. Charles W. Hollman Jr.  
CP Capt. Leonard A. Seagren  
FE Sgt. Jimmie D. Rash  
RS SSgt. Curtis W. Pritchard, Jr.

Jolly Green 07

AC Maj. Charles W. Bond  
CP Maj. Travis Wofford  
FE Sgt. Robert J. P. Laframboise  
RS Sgt. Gary E. Osborne

*CH Hollman Jr.*

CHARLES W. HOLLMAN JR., Captain, USAF  
Aircraft Commander

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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #1

| <u>SAVE</u> | <u>SURVIVOR'S NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>MISSION NUMBER</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 526         | R.L. Campbell          | 1/Lt-USMC   | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 527         | L.J. Zilka             | Maj-USMC    | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 528         | J.E. Kelly             | L/CPL-USMC  | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 529         | C.H. Silver            | 1/Lt-USMC   | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 530         | S.D. Erxleben          | L/CPL-USMC  | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 531         | F.E. Smiley            | L/CPL-USMC  | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 532         | J.A. Bowling           | CPL-USMC    | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 533         | A.A. Morelli           | CPL-USMC    | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 534         | Vo-Ba                  | CPL-RVN     | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 535         | E.E. Jarrell           | Sgt-USMC    | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 536         | A.R. Kendall           | L/CPL-USMC  | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 537         | R.P. Fornal            | CPL-USMC    | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 538         | D.V. Delozier          | PFC-USMC    | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 539         | Nguyen-Minh            | CPL-RVN     | 5 Apr       | 1-3-025               |
| 540         | M.P. Hamilton          | Lt(JG)-USN  | 7 Apr       | 1-3-026               |
| 541         | Pickett                | LtCol-A     | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |
| 542         | Khoa                   | 1/Lt-A      | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |
| 543         | Waltz                  | CWO-A       | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |
| 544         | Ulmer                  | SP4-A       | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |
| 545         | Burke                  | SP4-A       | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |
| 546         | Bonwette               | Maj-A       | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |
| 547         | Welty                  | WO-A        | 14 Apr      | 1-3-027               |